REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 14-18 and 33. The Examiner also allowed claims 1-13, 22-32, 34, and 35. Further, the Examiner objected to claims 19-21 for depending from a rejected base claim, but indicated that these claims each contain allowable subject matter. Applicants thank the Examiner for the recognition of allowable subject matter in the present claims.

By the present Response, Applicants have chosen to place the present application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants have amended independent claim 14 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 19. Additionally, Applicants amended claims 15, 16, 18, and 20 in view of the amendment to independent claim 14 and canceled claims 17 and 19 without prejudice. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-16, 18, and 20-35 will remain pending in the present patent application and are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding rejection and allowance of all pending claims.

Examiner Interview Summary

Applicants thank the Examiner for his participation in a telephonic interview with Applicants' representative on September 1, 2005. In this interview, claims 14-19 of the present patent application were generally discussed. Particularly, during the interview, Applicants' representative and the Examiner agreed on amendments to claims 14, 15, 16, and 18 that more particularly point out and distinctly claim certain subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention and that place the application in condition for allowance. By the present Response, claims 14, 15, 16, and 18 have been amended in the discussed manner. Consequently, Applicants believe all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and, as above, respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding rejection and allowance of claims 1-16, 18, and 20-35.

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Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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